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Responding to reftel demarche delivered December 11, MFA Department of International Organizations UN Desk Officers Bernadett Kollar and Andrea Balog told PolOff December 17 that fundamentally, Hungary supports efforts to reduce UN operating costs. Although not "experts" on the specific

proposal, they said that they would be in contact with the Hungarian representatives at the UN to further discuss the issue. Kollar and Balog said they would provide information on any substantive Hungarian position at a future date. Foley